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K-9 live demonstration receives a paws up from 36th Sig. Bn. Soldiers

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DAEGU GARRISON — Soldiers from 36th Signal Battalion supported the Camp Walker K9 Command Unit during a live demonstration of their K9 capabilities, February 24. During the demonstration, Soldiers learned how canines are trained and how they assist Military Police.

The event began with a live demonstration of how the dogs locate drugs with their keen sense of smell.

"I could not believe how fast the canines work," said Pfc. Megan Henderson, 36th Signal Battalion. Next, the canine handlers demonstrated how the dogs can intimidate uncooperative suspects.

With the event in full swing, the Soldiers witnessed the Battalion Commander, Lt. Col. Mark Rosenstein, bravely don the suit and face the trained canine.

"I would never ask anyone to try anything that I would not do," said Rosenstein. Thanks to the expertise of the canine handlers, each Soldier survived their encounter. "This was a great experience, I have never seen anything like this first hand," said Cpl. Ahn Hyeon-Seo. The event culminated with an opportunity for individual Soldiers don a dog protection suit and allow a canine to attack them.

"K-9" units are trained for rescue missions, deterring criminal behavior and detecting illegal substances. Police dogs often hunt for suspects and locate explosives, narcotics and mines among



Capt. Jared Mosby, 36th Signal Battalion, plays the "suspect" and reacts as K9 "Sgt. 1st Class Jambo" makes an "apprehension"

other things. At Camp Walker, canines are primarily used for illegal drug detection. "Our dogs know how to find illegal substances and can respond quickly," said canine trainer SSG John Darnell, 36th Sig. Bn.

Law enforcers began learning the value of dogs in the early 1900's. European purebred dog clubs taught members of law enforcement how to develop and organize canine capabilities. By the 1930s, Germany, Belgium and England were

implementing canine programs. The military introduced the use of canines to the United States and during World War II, Korea and Vietnam, canines performed as sentries, messengers, scouts and hazardous material detectors. ▀

